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HOUSE BILL 10

Short Title: Remove Route Restriction for NC 540 Loop. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Stam and Dollar (Primary Sponsors).

For a complete list of Sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly Web Site.

Referred to: Transportation.

January 31, 2013

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REMOVE THE RESTRICTION ON THE TURNPIKE AUTHORITY'S
3 SELECTION OF A CORRIDOR LOCATION FOR THE SOUTHEAST EXTENSION
4 PROJECT OF N.C. 540.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 136-89.183(a)(2)a. reads as rewritten:

7 "(2) To study, plan, develop, and undertake preliminary design work on up to
8 eight Turnpike Projects. At the conclusion of these activities, the Turnpike
9 Authority is authorized to design, establish, purchase, construct, operate, and
10 maintain the following projects:

11 a. Triangle Expressway, including segments also known as N.C. 540,
12 Triangle Parkway, Western Wake Freeway in Wake and Durham
13 Counties, and Southeast Extension in Wake and Johnston ~~Counties,~~
14 ~~except that no portion of the Southeast Extension shall be located~~
15 ~~north of an existing protected corridor established by the Department~~
16 ~~of Transportation circa 1995, except in the area of Interstate 40 East-~~
17 ~~Counties."~~

18 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Transportation shall strive to expedite the federal
19 environmental impact statement process to define the route for the Southeast Extension of the
20 Triangle Expressway Turnpike Project by promptly garnering input from local officials and
21 other stakeholders, accelerating any required State studies, promptly submitting permit
22 applications to the federal government, working closely with the federal government during the
23 permitting process, and taking any other appropriate actions to accelerate the environmental
24 permitting process.

25 **SECTION 3.** As part of its oversight of the Department of Transportation, the Joint
26 Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee shall closely monitor the progress of the
27 Southeast Extension of the Triangle Expressway Turnpike Project.

28 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

